

Donald J. Mares



Mr. Mares attended Regis High School, graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors, and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. After law school he clerked for Federal Judge William Doyle of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Recently he served as the elected Auditor of the City and County of Denver. He is also a former state Senator and state Representative, serving in the Colorado legislature from 1989 to 1995. Currently, he is serving as Special Counsel to Fleishman & Shapiro P.C. and was elected to the State Personnel Board by state certified employees in the first contested Board election in over ten years. His term runs from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2010.

Having worked for several years with public employees at city and state levels, Mr. Mares has a great deal of knowledge of, and a unique perspective on, public employees' roles, duties and rights and responsibilities. In addition, he has represented employees and employee organizations, both public and private, in his law practice, which is experience he will bring to the Board, along with his belief that the role of state government is critical and its employees are vital to its success.

Mr. Mares currently serves on the boards of the Kempe Children's Foundation and the Latin American Educational Foundation. He is Special Counsel to the law firm of Fleishman & Shapiro. He has received numerous awards for his community involvement, including Colorado Children's Campaign, one of 20 Champions for Kids (2005); Junior League Legislative Champion for Children Award (1996); Labor's Community Agency's Community Service Award (1999); Mental Health Corporation of Denver Outstanding Political Figure Award (1995); the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Government Advocate of the Year Award (2000); and the Colorado Federation of Public Employees Accountability in Government Award (2002).